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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to
S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke
Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Docket No. 2019-224-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
Docket No. 2019-225-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)**

DEC DEP Reply Comments and Proposed Order

Dear Ms. Boyd:

In the August 27, 2021 letters filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the “Companies”) with the Commission accompanying their respective Modified 2020 Integrated Resource Plans (“IRPs”), the Companies advised the Commission of their intent to file responsive comments within thirty days of the report filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and any intervenor filings. As the Companies explained in their letters, the Reply Comments being filed herewith are intended to assist the Commission in its review of the Modified 2020 IRPs and SC Supplemental Portfolios and are being filed in advance of the December 25, 2021 deadline (sixty days from the filing of ORS’s reports) for the Commission to rule on the Modified 2020 IRPs pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-37-40(C)(3). Accordingly, enclosed for filing please find the Companies’ Reply Comments in Support of Commission Acceptance of the Companies’ Modified 2020 Integrated Resource Plans (the “Reply Comments”).

The Modified 2020 IRPs satisfy all applicable requirements and provisions of Commission Order No. 2021-447. Additionally, ORS filed reports with the Commission on October 26, 2021 finding that the Modified 2020 IRPs are “sufficient to meet the requirements set by the Commission in Order No. 2021-447.” Given the Companies’ belief that the Modified 2020 IRPs meet the requirements of Commission Order No. 2020-447 and the findings in ORS’s reports, and for the Commission’s convenience, the Companies are also submitting herewith a Proposed Order

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Accepting Modified IRPs that finds the Companies have satisfied the requirements of Commission Order No. 2021-447.

By copy of this letter, the same is being served on the parties of record.

Kind regards,



Sam Wellborn

Enclosures

cc: Parties of record (via electronic mail)
David Butler, Chief Hearing Officer (via electronic mail)
Jo Anne Wessinger Hill, General Counsel (via electronic mail)